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June 6, 1986

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Dear Dr. Nirenberg:

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the National Library of Medicine, the Library wishes to award the National Library of Medicine Medal to living American Nobel Laureates in medicine and biology. We hope that you will be willing to accept this honor.

The Friends of the National Library of Medicine are planning a commemorative event in Washington for September 16 and 17. The highlight of this two-day gala will be a reception and dinner, during which the medals will be formally presented.

We have asked President Reagan to be the presenter and the affair will be attended by members of Congress and distinguished members of the American scientific community.

We believe it is fitting and proper that the National Library of Medicine, as one of America's great medical institutions, present this medal to you, one of America's most distinguished scientists.

1986 marks an important milestone for the Library and the commemorative medal will honor this occasion.

We are writing this letter now to be sure the date can be reserved on your calendar. We will be sending you further details. Not only should this be a most historic moment, but also a gala celebration party for you, your colleagues and peers, and the Library.

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We would very much appreciate an indication of your  
ability to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed C. Whitehead".

Edwin C. Whitehead  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul G. Rogers".  
Paul G. Rogers  
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